REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the consideration of the present application afforded by the Examiner. Claims 16-22, 24, 26-28, 30-38 and 42 are pending. Claims 16, 26, 28 and 30 are independent and have been amended. Claims 1-15, 23, 25, 29 and 39-41 had been previously canceled. Claim 43 is now canceled. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Drawings

Applicants note the Examiner has neither accepted nor objected to the drawings listed on the Office Action Summary form (PTOL-326). The Examiner is requested to either accept or object to the drawings, as appropriate.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 16-22, 24, 26-28, 30-38, 42 and 43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yoshimura et al. ("Yoshimura", U.S. 5,596,419) in view of Fujii et al. ("Fujii", U.S. 6,686,965) further in view of Igarashi et al. ("Igarashi", U.S. 6,067,571). The rejection as to canceled claim 43 is rendered moot and the rejection as to the remaining claims is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 16 and 26 recite, *inter alia*, "**a still image producing portion producing a still image by cutting out the still image to be recorded in the still image recording portion from the video recorded by said video recording portion at the start of video recording and every time a prescribed period of time is elapsed thereafter**". Independent claim 28 recites, *inter alia*, "**a still image producing portion producing the still image by cutting out the still image from the video at the start of video recording and every time a prescribed period of time is elapsed thereafter**". Independent claim 30 recites, *inter alia*, "**an instruction issuing portion issuing an instruction for cutting out the still image through said digital network interface at the start of video recording and every time a prescribed period of time is elapsed thereafter**".

These features were previously rejected based on Fujii. However, in the passages cited by the Examiner to teach this feature, Fujii simply discusses displaying and erasing images (*See Column 3, Line 54-Column 4, Line 67 of Fujii*). There is simply no discussion in Fujii of cutting out still images *at predetermined intervals*, and more specifically there no is teaching of cutting out still images "at the start of video recording and every time a prescribed period of time is elapsed thereafter" as recited in amended claims 16, 26, 28 and 30. Moreover, neither Yoshimura nor Igarashi remedy the above-mentioned deficiency of Fujii.

For at least the reasons stated above, independent claims 16, 26, 28 and 30 are patentably distinct from Yoshimura, Fujii and Igarashi. Claims 17-22, 24, 27, 31-38 and 42 are at least allowable by virtue of their dependency on corresponding allowable independent claim.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested to withdraw this obviousness rejection of claims 16-22, 24, 26-28, 30-38 and 42 based on Yoshimura, Fujii and Igarashi.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charu K. Mehta, Reg. No. 62,913 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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